

ABSTRACT:

In a communication system a multimedia signal is encoded in an encoder (1) and subsequently transmitted over a packet switched network (4) to a terminal (6). The terminal (6) comprises a receiver (8) whose output is connected to a receive buffer (210). The output of the receive buffer (210) is applied to the presentation means (214) which comprises a
5 decoder (216) and a presentation device (218).

In order to deal with delay variations in the packet switched network (4), it is proposed to change the presentation speed of the multimedia signal dependent on the transmission delay of the multimedia signal. This is done by a controller (212) that determines the number of packets in the buffer (210) and adapts the decoding rate and the playback rate of
10 the multimedia signal accordingly.

Fig. 1